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GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE NORTHFIELD GENERAL CONFERENCE



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The Northfield General Conference Arrangements Have Been Completed Large Attendance Will Be Expected

2 col head—The Northfield General Conference will be held on the Northfield campus August 5-14. Earlier this year Dr. William E. Park, president of The Northfield Schools and chairman of the General Conference, issued an announcement which, although referring to the Conference season as a whole, may also be considered as the traditional call to the General Conference. The statement reads as follows:

In announcing the 1944 Northfield Summer Conference season we are again conscious of the necessity for curtailing unnecessary war-time travel but we are also aware of the importance of maintaining a high quality of spiritual leadership on the home front. Northfield's summer task since its founding has been to offer inspiration, guidance, and recreation to those responsible for the leadership of Christian institutions and the war has merely added its challenge and urgency to the undertaking. Because we believe this task is essential, we are happy to announce our sixty-fifth Conference season and to invite new friends and old alike to join us for a period of fellowship, rest, and preparation for the busy days ahead.

The last two seasons of the Conference have been held at the Chateau, with curtailed programs and the guest accommodated either at the Hotel, Chateau, or in town accommodations. This year the campus and all its facilities will be available and a complete program will be offered.

Among the distinguished Christian leaders who are taking part in the program are the following: Dr. Adam W. Burnet, St. Cuthbert's Church, Edinburgh, Scotland; Dr. Harris E. Kirk, Franklin Street Church, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. Paul D. Moody, associate Minister First Presbyterian Church, New York City; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, Professor of Applied Christianity Union Theological Seminary; Dr. William E. Park, President of The Northfield Schools, and chairman of the General Conference. Dr. Paul Scherer, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity, New York City; Dr. John C. Schroeder, Professor of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology, Yale University; Dr. Amos N. Wilder, Professor of New Testament Interpretation Chicago Theological Seminary.

Invitations have been issued to ten thousand former Conference guests and church workers to attend this gathering and it is anticipated that a large number of guests will be on hand to greet the well-known speakers, particularly Dr. Burnet who returns to Northfield after an absence of seven years.

The tentative schedule calls for two daily morning meetings, one addressed by Dr. Wilder and one by Dr. Burnet. The informal spiritual quality of the sunset meetings on Round Top will be continued and at the more formal evening sessions, several members of the speakers staff will be heard.

Dr. Kirk will be presiding officer. Dr. Schroeder, the Sunday speaker on August 6 and Dr. Niebuhr on August 13. Others on the program include Dr. Moody and Dr. Scherer.

Afternoons will be free for recreation and informal discussion groups.

A meeting in the interest of youth hostels was held in Boston, Saturday evening, May 20 in the parish house of the Arlington Street church and attended by Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith who explained the activities and showed movie pictures.

Colrain reports a tax rate of \$30, the same as last year. The Northfield tax rate is among the few high rates in the county.

Youth Hostel Issues Noteworthy Knapsack

The American Youth Hostel of which both Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith are directors, have issued the 1944 spring edition of the A. Y. H. Knapsack, its quarterly publication, which also contains the "handbook" a valuable portion to all members of the organization who require it in making "hostel tours". The issue has a strong appeal to youth who desire to travel about on bike or by foot to see and learn more about the vast countryside and to share in the vacation days the pleasures of earth, sea and skies. The directors have planned a very complete program in many sections of the United States, Canada and Mexico and look forward to overseas journey after the close of the war. An article of particular interest in the Knapsack is one concerning the late Stephen Hopkins, who early had become an ardent enthusiast of hosting.

Have Left For England

Mrs. Ruth Catchpool, who has been with the Youth Hostel as house-mother of the local hostel for the past four years, left Northfield Friday, May 12, to return to her home in England, where her husband E. St. John Catchpool, is in charge of the British Youth Hostel movement. Mrs. Catchpool came here upon invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith when the bombings were acute over England. One daughter remained with her father. The four daughters here with their mother have returned with her and the boy will remain with friends in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Catchpool rendered an efficient service here for the hostel.

For United China Relief

Dr. William E. Park, local chairman of United China Relief, announced that funds sent to China through United China Relief, Inc. since its organization in 1941 have reached a total of \$18,666,717.

In 1941, United China Relief sent \$1,623,511; in 1942, \$6,096,360; in 1943, when U. C. R. became an agency of the National War Fund, \$8,612,155; and during the first five months of 1944, \$3,334,691.

These funds are spent in China by participating agencies for a variety of projects including medical aid, orphan care, child welfare, hospitals, education, refugee relief, industrial cooperatives, transportation of drugs and medical supplies, and training of medical workers.

Allocations from the National War Fund of which George McEwan is local chairman will provide nine million dollars for United China Relief's 1944 program.

Attend Eastern Star Grand Chapter Meeting

Miss Priscilla Colton, worthy Matron of the Northfield Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, attended the sessions of the Grand Chapter of the order which was held in Springfield, May 9 to 11. She served as an assistant Grand Warden at the meetings.

J. William Wilde, worthy Patron; Mrs. Edward L. Warnock, Associate Matron; and Mrs. Forrest Hewitt, Conductress, attended the association banquet.

Miss Gladys Ellithorpe and Mrs. Willis K. Parker, Past Matrons of Northfield Chapter; J. William Wilde, worthy Patron; Mrs. Albert Anderson, Conductress; Mrs. Mildred Addison, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Dorothy Mann, and Mrs. William Wilde, Star Points, attended the installation of Grand Officers.

Heron Church Elects Officials For The Year

The 45th annual meeting of the Mount Hermon Church was held Sunday evening, May 7th with the pastor, Dr. J. Glover Johnson as moderator. Ralph Sargent read the report of the clerk, and Alexander Gibson the treasurer's report. Other officers of the church also gave reports, which were gratifying. The election for the coming year resulted as follows: Clerk, Ralph Sargent; treasurer, Alexander Gibson; music, Carlton W. L. Hometown; head usher, V. A. D. A. Campbell; Deacons, Edson Lockwood, Dr. Beals, Daniel Bodley, M. D. Birdsell; deaconesses, Mrs. Ripner and Mrs. Stevens; student deacons, Norman Hoffman, R. Flanagan, Robert Hamilton, and John Dayton. Chairman missionary committee, Irvin Mirtz; prayer meetings, the pastor; pulpit supply, the headmaster; flowers, Mrs. Myers. membership, Louis E. Smith. The nominating committee was made up of Robert Milgram, chairman, Dr. Paul E. Bowman, R. Wilson, and Robert Cook-ingham.

Mary Moody Hutton Died In Chicago

Mary H. Moody, wife of Harry R. Hutton, passed away in Chicago on May 8, aged 72 years. She was struck by a taxi on April 23, the blow causing a skull fracture. She lingered for two weeks but did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Hutton was the daughter of George F. and Harriet Brown Moody. This son lived out his life in the home to which as a bride his mother, Betsey Holton Moody came in 1828, and his children were reared under its shelter.

Mary Moody was graduated from Northfield School for Girls in 1891, and was a member of the class of 1895 at Wellesley college. Since her marriage in September 1898, she has resided in Chicago. Surviving beside her husband are three children: Gladys, Mrs. Kenneth Greenleaf of Rock Island, Illinois; Rev. George M. of Detroit; and Olive, Mrs. Harry Nickol of Indiana, Pa., and nine grandchildren. She leaves three sisters and a brother. She joined the church in Northfield at the age of 16 and was always devoted to her church and a conscientious, cheery consistent Christian.

The interment was in Indiana, Pa., where Mr. Hutton has gone to reside with the younger daughter.

Evening Auxiliary Elect

At the annual meeting of the Evening Auxiliary of the Congregational church held the evening of May 12, the following officers were elected: President, Miss Helen G. Handy; first vice, Mrs. J. Lee Bolton; second vice, Mrs. Roy A. Barrows; secretary, Miss Eleanor Fuller; treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Bralley; chairman work committee, Miss Sophie Servaes; social committee, Mrs. Ethel May. The speaker of the evening was Mrs. Harry Kendall, who gave a talk on her travel experience in Mexico.

Mrs. Helen Bassett of the local Free Methodist church was the speaker at the Salvation Army meeting in Greenfield last Sunday evening.

Arthur P. Pitt of this town was the recipient of an invitation to attend the christening of the ship "Stephen Hopkins", which was launched at a California shipyard this week.

The School committee has engaged the services of Lee Fortier as janitor of the High and Center schools to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Donald Finch who is now with the Millers Falls Tool Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Maydole of Princeton, N. J. are registered at the Northfield Hotel for a stay before opening their cottage in Mountain Park for the summer.

Legion Delegates Boy To Boys State

The Northfield post of the American Legion is planning to send a representative to Boys' State, which will be held June 25 to July 2 at State College under the auspices of the Massachusetts Department of the Legion. This is the first time the department has sponsored the program, which is already functioning in 34 other states. The purpose is to provide citizenship training and an opportunity to participate in many functions of town, city, county, and state government for junior class high school boys. Legion posts will send 300 boys selected on the basis of their sense of civic duty and capacity for leadership.

Edgar J. Livingston is chairman of the local committee and Neil Churchill of the High school junior class has been selected to represent Northfield through the aid of Principal Rolland Currier.

TOWN TOPICS

Mrs. Theodore F. Darby of Brattleboro, Vt., formerly of this town, entertained at a luncheon bridge on Wednesday, May 18th, a number of her Northfield friends.

The summer schedule of trains went into effect on Sunday, May 21, but with only a few changes. However if you are expecting to take a trip, better look up the new schedule and make sure of the time.

Miss Hazel Tenney has been sworn in as the new substitute R.F.D. carrier at the Northfield postoffice. She is spending some time with carrier Henry A. Johnson, familiarizing herself with the routes.

According to a recent advertisement, the saw mill of Evans Brothers located on Glen Road, is offered for sale together with the finishing department.

The annual meeting of the county branch of the American Association of University Women was held in Bernardston Thursday, May 11 at the Unitarian church, with a chicken dinner. The president, Miss Eleanor Davis of the Seminary faculty presided. Miss Winifred E. Curtis of Greenfield is the new president and Miss Leona Mcody of the Seminary was chosen vice-president. Miss Clarice Carpenter also of the Seminary, was chosen as one of the directors.

In superior court before Judge Walter L. Collins at Greenfield on Friday forty-six men and women were admitted to U. S. citizenship. Among them was Vassia Savcheff of this town, a native of Bulgaria.

Rev. Willard McKinstry of Nantucket, who with his wife and daughter is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Morgan was the preacher at the services of the local Unitarian church on Sunday morning, May 21.

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Wins Another Medal Staff Sgt. Plotczyk Had Daring Exploit

On April 15 Staff Sergeant John A. Plotczyk, as assistant aerial engineer was awarded by Lieut. General Millard F. Harmon, commanding the Army Air Forces in the South Pacific area the Oak Leaf Cluster, in lieu of an additional air medal. A bronze oak leaf cluster is awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained combat, operational missions of a hazardous nature during which enemy opposition is met, or during which an area is traversed where enemy anti-aircraft fire is effective or where enemy fighter patrols are habitually encountered. The missions for which the award was given were the 13th A. A. F. Staff Sgt. Plotczyk was recently granted a furlough, a portion of which he spent at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Plotczyk of West Northfield. During this period he was also married and after visiting relatives has returned to his duties with his command.

Miss Meredith Ann Pattison, daughter of Mrs. F. W. Pattison, who is attending Linfield college at McShinnville, Oregon, has been elected president of the student association.

New England Keswick

The New England Keswick, a series of Christian conference for the whole family, will again be held at Monerey from July 1 to Sept. 5. Dr. Lambie, the president, announces a splendid list of speakers and teachers and preparations are being made for a large attendance. The various dormitories are in readiness for coming guests. Full information may be had by writing Mrs. N. M. Trout, 156 Fifth Ave., New York city.

Was "Killed In Action"

Corp. Herman Burdick, Jr., 28, a native of Buckland, for some time employed at the Tenney Farms and a member of the Northfield Grange, was recently reported "killed in action" on Corregidor in the Philippines. He had been previously reported as "missing in action". Burdick enlisted in the Army Air force in September 1940 and was assigned to a ground crew unit. He was transferred to the Philippines in January 1941. He is survived by his parents and three sisters. He was "gate-keeper" of the Northfield Grange when he enlisted.

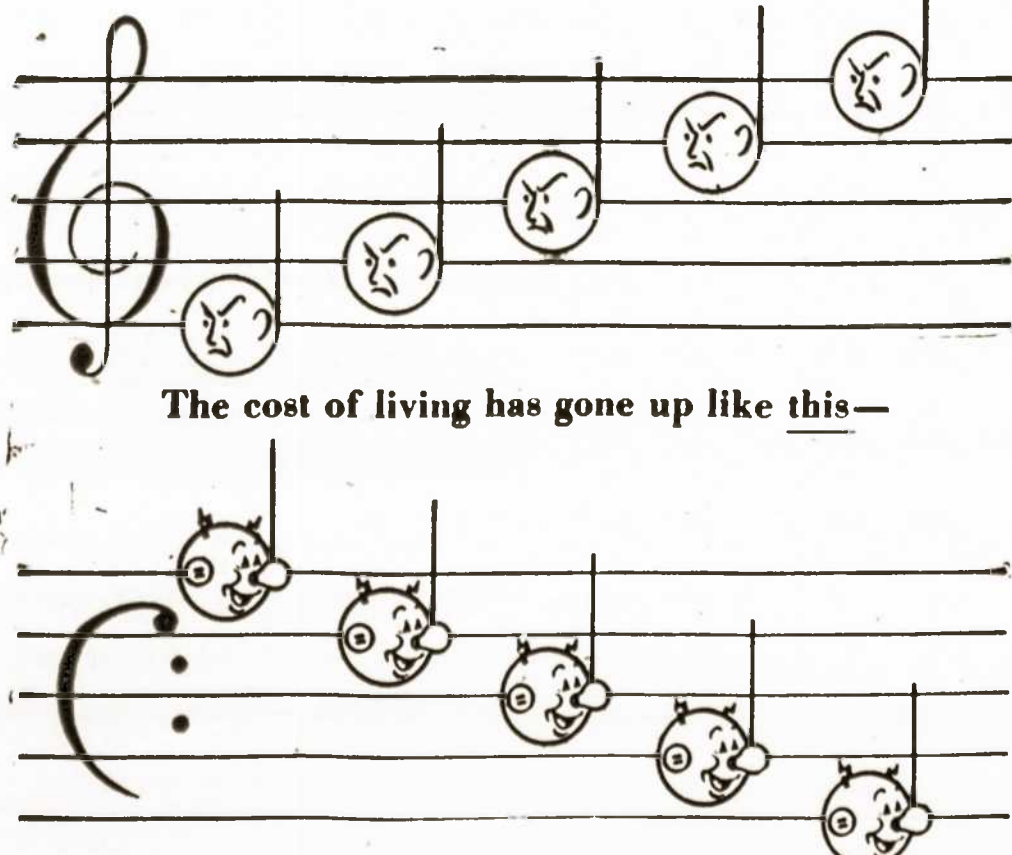
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn arrived at their cottage on Myrtle Street to spend the summer after being at Orlando, Florida during the winter season.

Belated Honor Bestowed Purple Heart Medals Awarded Local Men

Participating actively in the services of World War 1 were three members of the local post of the American Legion of this town. All were wounded in action and the story of their individual experiences is best known to their personal friends. No attempt will be made to publicize them now, but it is gratifying to learn that recently a belated recognition has been made by the War Department in bestowing upon them the medal of the Purple Heart. The order of the Purple Heart was established by George Washington as President and is the oldest order to be conferred upon those of the nation's fighting forces who were seriously wounded in the line of duty. The citizens of this town unite, as the fact becomes known, in approval of the award and extend to the receivers their enthusiastic benediction. They are all among our well known citizens and we honor them.

A son, Francis Pattison, was born to Ft. Lt. J. H. Stapleton and Mrs. tSapleton (nee Polly Pattison) of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, on April 7 at the Winnipeg General Hospital. Grandson of Mrs. F. W. Pattison of Vancouver, B. C., who is now engaged in Canadian YWCA war work.

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TOWN TOPICS

The town clerk, Mrs. Josephine Haskell, has announced that the dog tags have arrived and are ready for distribution. You are entitled to the tag if you have paid your dog license.

A group of Girl Scouts from Brattleboro attractively dressed in their uniforms attended the recent pageant at the Seminary.

The Library committee of the Garden Club, Rev. Edward Fairbank, chairman, has added to the Garden Club collection of books at the Dickinson Library. The title of the new book is "One Thousand Garden Questions" and was prepared by garden experts.

A photograph of the Honor Roll at the Town Hall has been taken by Frank W. Pearsall and is now reproduced for printing. An edition of 500 cards has been ordered and may be had upon application to Mrs. E. M. Powell who will have them for sale.

A lost kitten, tiger cat, wearing a collar and bell, has shown up at the home of Miss Schooley on Birnam Road where it is cared for. Will the owner kindly call for same.

Howard Spaulding, who has been with the U. S. Marines in Bougainville and the South Pacific, is now at Mare Island in California, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding of Winchester Road.

Many members of the local W. C. T. U. will be in attendance at the county gathering at the Baptist church in Greenfield Friday, May 26. An interesting program has been prepared with sessions from 11 to 4. Luncheon will be at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Cregar of Richmond Hill, N. Y. have arrived at their cottage on the Ridge to spend the summer.

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Governor and Mrs. John W. Bricker of Ohio, and their son Jack with his dog "Duke" on the front steps of the Governor's Mansion in Columbus.

The Governor and Mrs. Bricker, the former Miss Harriett Day, of Urbana, O., are graduates of Ohio State University. Family life at the Bricker home is characterized by simplicity and hospitality. Her charm, friendliness, and sense of the fitness of things has endeared Mrs. Bricker to the people of Ohio. For her, home and family come first.

Scholarship Honors Center School Pupils For March And April

Principal George M. Leonard of the Center school has posted the scholarship honor roll for the months of March and April. Seven students in the various grades have attained high honors. The list is as follows:

Second honors, grade eight, Marian Avery, Blanche Duda, Betty Franz, Jerome Gingras, Ruth Anne Healey, Ruth Holton, Philip Huber, Emily Kirk, Anne Livingston, Mary Mosse, Nina Pearsall, David Powell, Jack Powell.

Second honors, grade seven, Wayne Billings, Joseph Bilmon, Albert Clough, Vincent Currier, Clifford Holton, Mary Laplante, Mary Ann Wozniak.

Grade six, high honors, Ralph Barrows, October Cullum, Edgar Parker, second honors, Barbara Fortier, Robert Phelps, Janet Spencer.

Grade five, high honors, Vernon Currier; second honors, Alice Zebert, Joyce Shiva, David Phelan, Janet Mankowsky, Julia Huber, Barbara Griswold, Eric Giebel, Sydney Chapin, Marilyn Browning, Ethelyn Berry.

Grade four, high honors, Mildred Ayer, Annette Clark, Ruth Sheldon; second honors, Pearl Barber, Eleanor Fisher, Duane Griswold, Frances Laplante, Dorothy Jean Peck, Richard Ricket, Helen Smith, Irene Thompson.

West Northfield South Vernon

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Kemp have purchased a house in Bernardston where they will make their home. They recently sold their property here to Mrs. Florence E. Waters and her niece, Mrs. Eloise F. Poneck of Brattleboro, who will occupy.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Jones have moved into the parsonage of the Vernon Union church from Mount Hermon where they quartered during the past season.

The annual Sunday school picnic of the Vernon and South Vernon churches will be held at Houghton hill on Saturday, June 3rd.

Tech. Sgt. Andrew Stacy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Stacy, who is stationed in England, has received two oak clusters. He has participated in bomber combat missions over Europe.

Mrs. Elizabeth Viggers, widow of the late Rev. Frederick Viggers, who died last October and with him residents at the Vernon Home, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clinton Markham in Longmeadow, recently. She was a devout Christian woman.

Memorial Day services will be held in the Union church on Sunday at 2:30 with Rev. E. W. Blackstone as speaker. Children of the public schools will participate. Services will be held at the Pond road chapel on Tuesday evenings, every two weeks.

Sgt. Harold A. Briemaster in a letter, informs his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Briemaster, that he has been transferred to a new location in New Guinea. He recently met Pvt. Rolfe Carmean of this town in another area.

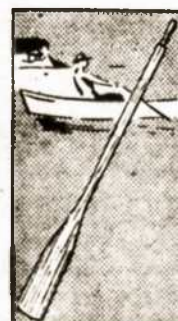
Information received is that Mrs. Russell Durgin is making a satisfactory recovery from a major operation at the New Haven hospital.

Mrs. Charles Taber who has headed the Red Cross workers in surgical dressings in town was given an expression of appreciation at a surprise meeting at Alexander Hall, last Monday evening.

Corp. James Spaulding writes from New Guinea to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spaulding that the weather there is very "wet". It's the time of the jungle rains and not enough sunshine to dry his wash.

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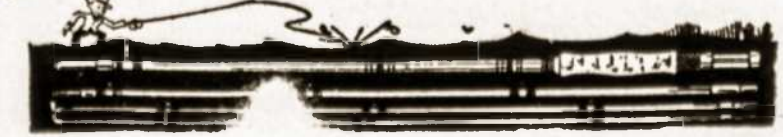
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